

STATE CANDIDATES AND PRIMARILY FORMED COMMITTEES FOR STATE CANDIDATES

Questions and Answers

Q: In January 2007, a state officeholder's controlled committee formed for the 2006 election made a \$16,000 contribution to the officeholder's general purpose ballot measure committee. Must the committee file an online report within 10 business days?

A: An online report is triggered when a contribution is made in connection with a single state ballot measure. If the \$16,000 contribution was not earmarked for a specific state ballot measure, the online report is not required.

Q: Is an odd-year report required if a state candidate transfers funds from a 2006 election committee to a 2008 election committee?

A: No.

Q: When must a non-incumbent running for state office in June 2008 file the Form 470, Campaign Statement-Short Form, if the candidate does not intend to raise or spend \$1,000 or more in 2007?

A: If any contributions are received or any expenditures are made between January 1 and June 30, 2007, file the Form 470 no later than July 31, 2007. Because the Form 470 covers the entire calendar year, no additional campaign disclosure filings are required for 2007 as long as total contributions and total expenditures are less than \$1,000 for the entire year. If no contributions are received and no expenditures are made prior to July 1, 2007, file the Form 470 no later than January 31, 2008, if contributions are received or expenditures are made (still totaling less than \$1,000 during the calendar year) between July 1 and December 31, 2007.